

FUTURE DATES

Friends of St John's Community Support Group—Mid-year meeting—Monday 17 July at 12 noon. More details to come.

Packaging Christmas Cards for Anglicare—Monday July 24—10am

Winter Dinner - Evening of Friday 28 July. **7.00 for 7.30pm.** Rutherford Room

Book Sale: Saturday September 16 commencing at 9am in the Rutherford Room. Please mark your diary.

NOTICES FOR "CONTACT" should be in the parish office by 1pm Wednesdays.

CHORAL FOUNDATION

BROCHURES can be found at the back of the Church. This programme has been a joyous and significant innovation, raising the quality of our weekly worship and bringing young people into our faith community. Please speak to our Director of Music, David Byrne, if you would like to support the Foundation.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning or Evening Prayer

Tuesday to Fridays 8.30am and 5.00pm unless otherwise listed below.

MONDAY 3 July

4.00pm Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets in Dempster Room

TUESDAY 4 July

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 5 July

6.30pm Eucharist and Curry

THURSDAY 6 July

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 8 July

8.00am-9.30am Kuncoro Rusman meeting in Rutherford Room

6.00pm GroupBand2 Practice

CHURCH CLOSURE ON

MONDAYS: While the Vicar is absent, the church will not be opened on Mondays, which means that morning and evening prayer will not be offered in the church on Mondays. *Fr Richard*



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—2 July 2017

You will have seen the press this week on the release of the 2016 Census data. Amongst it is a wailing or a trumpeting, depending on who is writing, of the decline in religious affiliation. It is true that the numbers are down following a pattern over many years. The coverage I have read fails to remember that the structure of the religious affiliation question was changed for last year's Census, putting the 'No religion' option at the top of the list, up from last place in previous surveys. The secularists who lobbied for this claimed that while Christianity was on the top of the list, it got an unfair advantage - the donkey vote. Now one must assume that the donkey vote has gone to 'No religion.'

Nonetheless, there is a problem of viability that the church cannot ignore. Numbers are declining and the 2014 report of the Viability and Structures Taskforce said 'The Anglican Church of Australia is at a crossroad. For over 30 years it has been slowly declining and the time has come for a revolution if it is to be a strong and sustainable church for the future.' But the report proposed nothing like a revolution and the church's corporate strategy remains to try to resuscitate the parish growth model. The numbers this week demonstrate this is not working. An article published online in TMA this week (<http://bit.ly/2snUTvF>), interestingly expressed dismay at the outcome (they should have seen it coming) but also proposed no strategic response or positive ideas on what to do next.

So, it is interesting this week to read the first chapter of Walter Brueggemann's book 'The Prophetic Imagination.' His call for a return to an authentic tradition offers an alternative for the church to waiting on the sidelines for its demise. The authentic tradition Brueggemann refers to is found in the Exodus of Moses and the Israelites from Egypt which he reads as a rejection of gods—the Egyptian Pharaonic temple tradition and the State oppression of the enslaved Israelite population. Brueggemann calls for a contemporary prophetic turn that remembers this exodus tradition. It requires, he remarks, critical energy to stand up against the contemporary gods—consumption, celebrity, wealth, and against oppression—climate science inaction, border protection, income and wealth inequality (my examples). Unfortunately Brueggemann puts his finger on a problem, that this tradition is difficult to contemplate today—liberals are too chic and conservatives too bound in Enlightenment rationality to expend the critical energy required. Any expression of the Body of Christ that expects to (re)capture public imagination need just this critical energy. It's up to us.

Richard Wilson

WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA!

We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction. And you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room, or for the evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

TODAY

8.00am EUCHARIST
Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: Sue Banting, Brian Porter
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Jenny Cook, Sue Banting

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jenny Cook
Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays. Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Kwee Giok Bwee
Pembaca P Baru: Naomi Hutton
Pembaca Firman: Elly Karmawan
Doa Syafaat: Ferry Hasiholan
Eucharistic Assistants: Norma & Helena
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia
Choir: Christine, Mun, Nikki, Helena
Setup PA System: Indra Karmawan
Usher: Lily Herlina
Sekolah Minggu: Inez Hetharia & Arielle
Konsumsi: Tina Rumayar
Petugas kebersihan: Radit, Indra, Ronald, Cliff

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

Ross Smith

Lectio for the day

*Jeremiah 28. 5-9; Psalm 89. 1-4; 15-18;
Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10. 40-42*

THE PARISH COVENANT: Last Sunday many parishioners took the opportunity to make their public commitment to making the parish a healthy community by signing the Parish Covenant. Those who wanted more time to consider their response, and those who were not present last week, will have another opportunity to sign their commitment today, at the end of each liturgy. Copies of the final version of the Parish Covenant are on the narthex table. Please come forward to the altar after the blessing and dismissal, where you will find signing sheets and pens available. This opportunity will also be available after each liturgy over the next two weeks and at any time thereafter by arrangement with Fr Richard.

FAREWELL TO CLARE TOMASOV: Next Sunday, we will have an opportunity to farewell Clare Tomasov and thank her for her 10 years' wonderful ministry here as Children's and Families' Minister. There will be a special morning tea following the 10am Sung Eucharist, and we hope all parishioners will make every effort to be present.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER: Last year, St John's took a table at the annual Trinity College dinner in support of Trinity College Theological School. This year the dinner is on 30 August. Let's see if we can ensure a good number from the parish again. More details later, but put the date in your diary now.

WARTA JEMAAT

Kami ucapkan selamat datang untuk beribadah pada hari Minggu ini. Kami undang semuanya, terutama bagi yang baru pertama kali hadir, untuk berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan malam bersama di Rutherford Room setelah kebaktian.

WINTER DINNER –FRIDAY JULY 28

7.00 for 7.30pm. In the Rutherford Room .

'HOLLYWOOD'

Tickets on sale in July—\$40 per head incl. Wine—Sorry no BYO. Proceeds to Nungalinya College Darwin. We seek donations for the **Lucky Bottle Stall**. A painting, "Seascape" by Robert Cox, will be raffled at the dinner. See display in Rutherford Room.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP is in recess for the school holidays. It resumes on Wednesday 26 July at 9.45am. If you know of anyone who is interested in bringing along a child or children, 0-4 years, there are some vacancies. Brochures are available in the narthex or speak with Jennifer Moore.

MORNING TEA: More people are needed once a month to fill out the roster for morning tea on Sundays after the 10am Eucharist. Please speak to Diana Azzopardi.

PACKAGING CHRISTMAS CARDS for ANGLICARE—Monday July 24—10am in the Parish Centre. Please join us—your assistance is always appreciated.

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican—July edition includes reports of two recent St John's events—The Corpus Christi Lecture (p.5) and the fundraising dinner held by the St John's Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group (p.8). Copies are available for you to take in the narthex.

BOOK SALE: St John's book sale will be on Saturday September 16 this year. You may wish to start checking out your bookshelves now. Mark the date in your diary.

PARISH WEBSITE: A reminder that you can find 'Contact' for each Sunday, as well as the sermon, on the parish website: www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au.

FR. RICHARD is available for pastoral care as required. Please do not hesitate to call him to make a time to meet.

NEXT SUNDAY —9 July 2017

Pentecost 5

*Zechariah 9. 9-12; Psalm 145. 8-14;
Romans 7. 14-25; Matthew 11. 15-19, 25-30.*

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Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Georgina Porter, Lyle Gurrin
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Janice Wong, Geoff Vincent, Neil Nyholm
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Pembaca P Baru: Stevi Parengkuan
Pembaca Firman: Rein Rumayar
Doa Syafaat: Tina Rumayar
Eucharistic Assistants: Norma & Christine
Pemain Musik: GroupBand2
Choir: GroupBand2
Setup PA System: GroupBand2
Usher: Kwee Giok Bwee
Sekolah Minggu: Tia Hutajulu
Konsumsi: Tetty and Iesje
Petugas kebersihan: Ben, Max, Tetty, Ferry, Lily

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

Keith Dempster

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Alice Gillam, Wilks Gordon Simmons, Florence Orr, Frank Baumgartner, Minnie Manderson, Edith Bowen, Reginald Fenwick-Brown (Priest), and Mary Cohn, whose anniversaries occur at this time.